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Going, going, going, going...gone!

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Greetings Team Thule! Believe it or not, the IG has finally left! But even though they're gone, we can't let down our guard.

We must remember that the 21st Space Wing is still undergoing the Operational Readiness Inspection.

As for our performance, I am proud of each and every one of you and applaud your efforts.

It's definitely time to celebrate—you deserve it!



Winter safety is everybody's business

821 ABG Safety Office

It's that time of the year in Thule where we have to look out for each other, literally. We are beginning to experience the Thule winter dark season which means colder temperatures and decreased visibility.

As we enter the dark season, everyone must first and foremost ensure that before they venture outside, they have adequate clothing for the extreme cold temperatures. Remember, traveling off base means you must take your arctic gear with you.

All personnel must also ensure they have brightly colored reflective strips sewn onto their coat/parka or have

other visible reflective material on their outer garment.

This increased visibility will ensure pedestrians are seen and allow vehicle operators increased time to react and take appropriate action to avoid accidents.

It's difficult enough driving during the adverse winter weather conditions here without having to worry about running over someone because they were wearing a dark coat walking on the right-hand side of the road.

Another way to ensure pedestrian safety is to walk against the flow of traffic. Always walk on the left-hand side of the road, making sure you and vehicle operators see each other.

Look out for the other person this winter just as you would for your family back home. After all, we are one big Thule family and the price of even just one loss of life is too high.



Proper reflective winter wear will ensure you're seen. For more details, contact the 821 ABG Safety Office, ext. 2709

The Official ORI After-Party
25 Oct 04, TOW Club, Time TBD



Clockwise from top: Maj. "Jeep" Wedding, 821 SPTS/CC, Col. John Haven, 821 ABG/CC, and Capt. Joe Gallagher, 821 SFS/CC, wave goodbye as the DC-8 begins to taxi Oct. 18. Senior Master Sgt. Charles Stickel, 821 SPTS/OS, watches as the final members of the IG team board the DC-8. Master Sgt Scott Phipps, 821 SPTS/OS, and Tech Sgt. Eric Balogh, 821 SPTS/LG, celebrate the DC-8 departure with a friendly hug. Brian Weihe, Passenger Services, waves goodbye from passenger screening. Lt. Col. Joey Hinson, 12 SWS/CC, makes "the call", officially announcing the IG's departure. Master Sgt. Chad Keller, 821 SPTS/LG, waves goodbye from the passenger terminal.

Goodbye AFSPC/IG!